

February 18, 1923. Proceeded to New Brunswick, N.J. and upon arrival there went to Jim Mills' house but did not find him at home. Spoke to Danny Mills, and he advised me to go over to the school.

Mr. DeM. had Danny accompany him as far as the school. In the meantime I asked Danny where he was on the night he disappeared - He informed me he was at Mahrs' house and from there went to Vernie Mills' house, met Charlotte and came home with her, getting into the house at about ten O'clock. Danny said he left Mahrs' house at about nine o'clock, he didn't stop at his house on his way over to Vernie Mills' house.

Upon arrival at the school, Jim Mills said that he did not want to see me. (DeM.) Mr. DeM. waited there for a few minutes and finally Jim came out and admitted me to the Boiler Room, and there Mr. Berchardt was standing

Jim Mills immediately accused me of being the last person that he spoke to and that I tricked him by sending him a letter causing him to go to the Spiritualist in New York to have his fortune told - The Spiritualist accusing him of committing the crime. Jim Mills said he was advised by a wealthy friend in Washington, not to talk to anybody. Also that I represented the Hall interest.

Jim Mills also said that on my (DeM) last visit to his house I said, "Maybe whoever killed your wife was justified;" and that in my talk I accused him of doing it. I (DeM) then repeated the conversation I had with him (Jim Mills) on the night in question. I said, "Isn't it a matter of fact, Jim Mills, that this is what I said, "Your wife is dead, Mr. Hall is dead, somebody has done it, if they only would come forward and surrender themselves and give an explanation - Perhaps it is justified, and maybe it was not justified ; no matter whoever done it, whether it be you, Mrs. Hall or anybody else, I think the proper thing they should do is to surrender themselves'".

Jim Mills answered, "That's right." But he said, "No, you didn't actually accuse me, but you meant that I done it." I said, "I never accused you Jim, did I?" He said, "No, you never accused me, but the way you spoke it meant that I did it." Mr. DeM. then assured Jim Mills that he (DeM) had nothing to do with the Spiritualist end - Mr. DeM. said, "Furthermore, if you are innocent and had nothing to do with it, why should you worry." Jim Mills said, "I am going to find out the truth of this, and I have somebody working on it already." He further said, "I'm not going to talk about it at all, I have been advised not to talk." Mr. DeM. then said, "Your wife is dead, Mr. Hall is dead, and I am going to tell you right now, Jim, Mrs. Hall wants to find out who killed her husband, and she is not going to stop until she finds out, now, if you are innocent, you have nothing to fear."

Another thing that Jim Mills said when he said that Mr. DeM. was the last person to speak to him in the house, he said, "Yes, I and another fellow were listening-in and heard everything you said." Jim Mills then said that they sent him a letter to go to New York and then the Spiritualist accused him of the crime. He said, "Of course I was wise, but I just wanted to go down there and find out." Mr. DeM. said, "As far as I am concerned I don't believe in a Spiritualist." Jim Mills said, "Well, I know a woman, and by God they told her the whole truth." Mr. DeM. said, "Then you believe it?" and Mills said, "Yes". Jim Mills said that the letter he received advising him to go to a fortune teller. He said part of the contents of the letter told him to be beware of a short, dark man wearing glasses. He said, "I can account for all of my time; I was working on the back porch, and the different people saw me there." He said, "Mrs. Hall said that after ten o'clock she was in bed, and they only got her word for it." Mr. DeM. said, "Well, Jim Mills, you said you were in bed after a certain hour, who can

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prove that you were there?" but he made no reply. He said, "But I don't say ^{do} that Mrs. Hall did it." Then Mr. Dem. said, "who did it?" He said he didn't know. Jim Mills further said that the way they were working they were trying to frame him; that he has a friend who has plenty of money and will take care of him, and that he is going right through with this matter.

We then discussed Airplanes, Ferryboats and Ferry pilots, and at about this time the janitor came in and was talking about a seagull flying into the Pilot-House, and then Jim Mills started to tell us what a wonderful shot he was, and stated a particular occasion where he killed a Turkey Buzzard about twelve years ago. Mills said, "Never shoot them while they're coming to you, but shoot them when they're going from you." He said, "The fellow that I was with, missed, and then I let her have the two barrels, and down she came. The fellow said, 'Jim you are quite some shot.'" He said that the Parker Gun was a good gun, but the gun he had was a Lafevre; he told it to a hotel clerk at Plainfield, for \$18.00, later on he wanted to buy it back for \$25.00, but the fellow would not sell it to him.

Jim Mills seems to be delighted in the fellow who is making accusations against the Burns National Detective Agency - He said, "Yes, they frame people; now there's a case, and they will get that credit, meaning that the man who is giving the information against Burns was telling the truth.

Jim Mills also told Mr. Dem. that he was not in touch with anybody, but while engaged in the discussion he constantly let the remark slip that a woman had been to see him. Mr. Dem. said "Jim, I thought you said that I was the last person who spoke to you?" To this he made no reply, but from time to time would say, "I was told not to talk to anybody.

After leaving the school, Mr. Dem. walked with Jim Mills and Mr.

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Barnhardt as far as George Street. Mr. DeM. then went to see Mrs. Tennyson, thinking that he might find Mr. Barnhardt there as we had previously arranged.

Mrs. Tennyson informed me that Mr. & Mrs. Barnhardt and Charlotte had gone over to Mrs. Barnhardt's sister's house on Snyder Street. (A Mrs. Reid) Mrs. Tennyson also told me (DeM.) that if I cared to, she would see me that Thursday or Friday of the following week.

Mr. DeM's purpose for seeing Mr. Barnhardt was that we had arranged that after I got through speaking with Mills, he (Barnhardt) would tell me what Jim Mills had said.

Jim Mills seems to be very much peeved over the Spiritualist trick. He also is suspicious that the investigation has resolved itself in his direction. It seems that he is using threats to have friends intercede for him in order to offset any investigation in his direction.